

## CLAIMS

We claim:

1. A method of managing information regarding a person's security from a plurality of information sources, comprising:
  - a. obtaining initial information about the person;
  - b. connecting with a plurality of information providers, wherein at least two of the information providers attend to personal information in a separate class of information;
  - c. receiving a notice about the personal information from one or more of the information providers; and
  - d. reporting the notice to the person.
2. A method of managing information according to claim 1, wherein the class of information is selected from the group consisting of identity information, location information, legal information, public information, computer system information, and financial information.
3. A method of managing information according to claim 1, wherein obtaining the initial information includes the person providing the initial information.
4. A method of managing information according to claim 3, wherein the person providing the initial information includes the person entering the initial information into a computer.
5. A method of managing information according to claim 1, wherein obtaining initial information includes an electronic device automatically scanning, for the initial information, in electronic files stored in one or more memories.
6. A method of managing information according to claim 5, wherein the electronic device is one of a desktop computer, a laptop computer, a mainframe, or a server.

7. A method of managing information according to claim 1, wherein connecting with the one or more information providers includes communicatively coupling an electronic device used by the person with the plurality of information providers.
8. A method of managing information according to claim 1, wherein connecting with the plurality of information providers includes communicatively coupling an information receiver with the plurality of information providers and communicatively coupling the information receiver with an electronic device operated by the person.
9. A method of managing information according to claim 1, wherein the notice is a message reporting that a change in the personal information has occurred, but does not include the changed personal information.
10. A method of managing information according to claim 9, further comprising:
  - a. requesting the changed personal information; and
  - b. receiving a response to the request that includes the changed personal information.
11. A method of managing information according to claim 10, further comprising sending the response to the person.
12. A method of managing information according to claim 1, wherein the notice includes at least a portion of changed personal information.
13. A method of managing information according to claim 12, further comprising sending the notice to the person.
14. A method of managing information according to claim 1, further comprising sending a request for a set of new personal information to one or more of the plurality of information providers.

15. A method of managing information according to claim 14, wherein the notice includes the new set of personal information.
16. A method of managing information according to claim 14, further comprising sending the notice to the person.
17. A method of managing information according to claim 1, wherein reporting the notice includes sending the notice to an electronic device operated by the person.
18. A method of managing information according to claim 16, wherein the electronic device is one of a computer, a display device, a wireless receiver, a cellular phone, a personal digital assistant, or a telephone.
19. A method of managing information according to claim 1, further comprising securing an electronic device used by the person.
20. A method of managing information according to claim 19, wherein the electronic device is one of a computer, a display device, a wireless receiver, a cellular phone, a personal digital assistant, a server, a mainframe, or a telephone.
21. A method of managing information according to claim 19, wherein the electronic device stores a portion of personal information in a memory.
22. A method of managing information according to claim 21, wherein securing the electronic device includes protecting at least a portion of personal information stored in the memory.
23. A method of managing information according to claim 22, wherein protecting the personal information includes at least one of password protecting the personal information, encrypting the personal information, or storing the personal information in an information vault.
24. A method of managing information according to claim 19, wherein securing an electronic device includes at least one of scanning the electronic device for viruses, establishing a

- firewall on the electronic device, searching for Trojan Horses on the electronic device, or encrypting a portion of data on the electronic device.
25. A method of managing information according to claim 1, further comprising formatting the notice before reporting the notice to the person.
26. A method of managing information according to claim 25, wherein formatting the notice includes creating a presentation about changes in the personal information that the person will easily understand.
27. A method of managing information according to claim 26, wherein the presentation is a visual presentation.
28. A method of managing information according to claim 1, further comprising consolidating two or more notices.
29. A method of managing information according to claim 28, wherein consolidating includes placing two or more notices into one presentation that presents at least a portion of information from each notice in the one presentation.
30. A method of managing information according to claim 28, wherein consolidating includes combining two or more notices into one new notice.
31. A method of managing information according to claim 1, further comprising:
- a. receiving a response from the person to one or more notices; and
  - b. reacting to the response.
32. A method of managing information according to claim 31, wherein reacting to the response includes forwarding the response to one or more information providers.
33. A method of managing information according to claim 31, wherein reacting to the response includes fixing a problem indicated in the response.

34. A method of managing information regarding a person's security from a plurality of information sources, comprising:
- a. obtaining initial information about the person;
  - b. obtaining a baseline set of personal information from a plurality of information providers and at least one of the information providers attends to personal information in a separate class of information;
  - c. receiving a new set of personal information;
  - d. comparing the new set of personal information to the baseline set of personal information; and
  - e. reporting any changes between the new set of personal information and the baseline set of information to the person; and
  - f. repeating steps c through e.
35. A method of reporting security information according to claim 34, wherein receiving the new set of personal information occurs periodically.
36. A method of reporting security information according to claim 35, wherein the period is regular.
37. A method of reporting security information according to claim 35, wherein the period one of a once a day, once a week, once a month, once a quarter, or once a year.
38. A method of reporting security information according to claim 35, wherein the period varies.
39. A method of reporting security information according to claim 34, further comprising formatting the report before reporting the changes to the person.

40. A method of reporting security information according to claim 39, wherein formatting the report includes creating a presentation about the changes that the person will easily understand.
41. A method of reporting security information according to claim 40, wherein the presentation is a visual presentation.
42. A method of reporting security information according to claim 34, further comprising consolidating two or more reports of changes.
43. A method of reporting security information according to claim 42, wherein consolidating includes placing two or more changes into one presentation.
44. A method of reporting security information according to claim 42, wherein consolidating includes combining two or more changes into one new report.
45. A method of reporting security information according to claim 34, further comprising:
  - A. receiving a response from the person to one or more reports of changes; and
  - B. reacting to the response.
46. A method of reporting security information according to claim 45, wherein reacting to the response includes forwarding the response to one or more information providers.
47. A method of reporting security information according to claim 45, wherein reacting to the response includes fixing a problem indicated in the response.
48. A method of managing information regarding a person's security from a plurality of information sources, comprising:
  - a. obtaining initial information about the person;

- b. obtaining a baseline set of personal information from a plurality of information providers and at least two of the information providers attend to personal information in a separate class of information;
  - c. receiving a new set of personal information;
  - d. comparing the new set of personal information to the baseline set of personal information; and
  - e. reporting any changes between the new set of personal information and the baseline set of information to the person.
  - f. establishing the new set of personal information as the baseline set of information
  - g. repeating steps c through f.
49. A method of reporting security information according to claim 48, wherein receiving the new set of personal information occurs periodically.
50. A method of reporting security information according to claim 49, wherein the period is regular.
51. A method of reporting security information according to claim 49, wherein the period one of a once a day, once a week, once a month, once a quarter, or once a year.
52. A method of reporting security information according to claim 49, wherein the period varies.
53. A method of reporting security information according to claim 48, further comprising formatting the report before reporting the changes to the person.
54. A method of reporting security information according to claim 53, wherein formatting the report includes creating a presentation about the changes that the person will easily understand.

55. A method of reporting security information according to claim 54, wherein the presentation is a visual presentation.
56. A method of reporting security information according to claim 48, further comprising consolidating two or more reports of changes.
57. A method of reporting security information according to claim 56, wherein consolidating includes placing two or more changes into one presentation.
58. A method of reporting security information according to claim 56, wherein consolidating includes combining two or more changes into one new report.
59. A method of reporting security information according to claim 48, further comprising:
- a. receiving a response from the person to one or more reports of changes; and
  - b. reacting to the response.
60. A method of reporting security information according to claim 59, wherein reacting to the response includes forwarding the response to one or more information providers.
61. A method of reporting security information according to claim 59, wherein reacting to the response includes fixing a problem indicated in the response.
62. An information receiving system to report security information to a person, comprising
- a. a plurality of information providers, wherein at least one information provider database attends to a separate class of information;
  - b. an electronic device operated by the person; and
  - c. an information receiver communicatively coupled by the internet to each of the plurality of information provider databases and communicatively coupled to the electronic device, wherein the information receiver receives personal information



from the plurality of information provider databases and sends notices about the personal information to the electronic device.

63. A system to report security information according to claim 62, wherein the electronic device is one of a computer, a display device, a wireless receiver, a cellular phone, a personal digital assistant, or a telephone.
64. A system to report security information according to claim 62, wherein the electronic device and the information receiver are integrated into one device.
65. An information receiver for reporting security information from two or more classes of information to a person, comprising:
  - a. a presentation engine;
  - b. one or more databases, communicatively coupled to the presentation engine, to store personal information from two or more classes of information; and
  - c. one or more communication engines, communicatively coupled to one or more of the databases, to communicate with two or more information providers.
66. An information receiver according to claim 65, further comprising an information portal, communicatively coupled to the presentation engine and to an electronic device operated by a person, to interface with the person regarding the person's personal information.
67. An information receiver according to claim 66, further comprising a registration system, communicatively coupled to the presentation engine and to the information portal, to establish access, to the personal information, for a person.
68. An information receiver according to claim 66, further comprising an authentication system, communicatively coupled to the presentation engine and to the information portal, to protect the person's personal information from unauthorized access.

69. An information receiver according to claim 66, further comprising a permissions system, communicatively coupled to the presentation engine and to the information portal, to restrict access to the person's personal information.
70. An information receiver according to claim 66, further comprising an information vault, communicatively coupled to the presentation engine and to the information portal, to securely store the person's personal information.
71. A method of providing personal information, comprising:
- a. connecting to an information receiver that is connected to a plurality of information providers, and at least one of the information providers attends to personal information in a separate class of information;
  - b. obtaining initial information about a person using the information receiver;
  - c. sending the personal information to the information receiver for forwarding to the person; and
  - d. awaiting a response to the sent personal information.
72. A method of receiving personal information from an information receiver that is connected to two or more information providers, comprising:
- a. providing initial information to the information provider;
  - b. awaiting the information receiver to establish connections with a plurality of information providers, and at least one information provider attends to personal information in a separate class of information; and
  - c. receiving a notification about personal information from one or more information providers.

73. A method of receiving personal information according to claim 72, wherein the notification includes personal information from two or more classes of information.